

February 24, 2004

Dr. Robert Gibbens, Regional Director
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Dear Dr. Gibbens,

PETA shared the findings of our investigation of **Amarillo Wildlife Refuge, in Amarillo, Texas, license #74-C-0486**, with numerous experts. We asked for their opinions regarding the conditions of the primates at the facility and have enclosed their statements for your review. As you can see, these experts agree that the primates are living in filthy, barren conditions that are inhumane and detrimental to their physical and psychological health. These expert opinions support the conclusion that Amarillo Wildlife Refuge has clearly been in violation of the minimum standards of care of the Animal Welfare Act.

We ask that you please give consideration to these statements in your ongoing inspections of Amarillo Wildlife Refuge. I can be reached at 206-367-0228 or LisaW@peta.org. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lisa Wathne
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